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## Clearview Estate Reserve Chardonnay Champion Wine of the Show over 2050 entries

Clearview Estate's Reserve Chardonnay has added yet another accolade to its golden pedigree – Champion Wine of the Show at the New Zealand International Wine Show, the largest wine competition held in the country.

The Clearview Estate Reserve Chardonnay 2015 won a gold medal, a trophy and then the supreme award over 24 other trophy best in class winners, and 2050 wines entered.

“We are absolutely delighted,” says Helma van den Berg, co-owner and co-founder. “Our Reserve Chardonnay is always a winning wine but this 2015 vintage is especially appealing, not just to wine judges but our regulars and a whole host of new customers who are loving the vibrant fruit and oak characters.”

Picked from 29-year-old vines and some newer vines at the winery's Te Awanga vineyard the chardonnay “reflects our unique terroir to its fullest extent and is a tribute to our vineyard team lead by Grant Houston, who has worked with us for the majority of that time” says Tim Turvey, Clearview Estate's co-owner and winemaker.

“In 1992, our first release of Reserve Chardonnay using fruit from these same vines won a Trophy, so it's gratifying to know we have maintained the quality and consistency of our flagship wine over that time.”

2015 marked the arrival of a new winemaking team for Clearview Estate with Matt Kirby and Rob Bregmen coming on board in time for vintage. “This award reflects the quality of the 2015 vintage and proves again the attributes of this special coastal area,” commented winemaker, Matt Kirby.

Described as full-bodied, rich and spicy with a peachy sweetness, a mealy savouriness, polished cedary oak and a rich, expansive, creamy finish with delectable hints of butterscotch and crème brulee, the wine has also collected a gold at the HB A&P Wine Awards this year.

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Photo caption:

Clearview Estate Winery celebrates its supreme position in the New Zealand winemaking world. Winemaker Matt Kirby (left) and co-owners Helma van den Berg and Tim Turvey, with the proof that the Clearview Reserve Chardonnay 2015 is the best in the country as announced at the New Zealand International Wine Show announced on Saturday (1 October).

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Established by Tim Turvey and Helma van den Berg in 1988, Clearview Estate Winery continues as a family owned and operated business. Clearview Estate produces iconic wines with pedigree, estate grown and hand crafted by people with passion since 1989.

In 1991, the rustic 'Red Shed' restaurant pioneered coastal vineyard dining, combining the cellar door and lunch restaurant, Mediterranean style, in a leafy vineyard setting.

Situated in Te Awanga, on the Cape Kidnappers coastline of Hawke's Bay, the Estate enjoys a unique microclimate, an extended growing season and refreshing sea breezes. An unwavering focus on quality produces wines of great fruit intensity, with a strong commitment to sustainability in all aspects of the business.